



February 11, 2019

Jeffrey P. Ackermann, Chairman
Colorado Public Utilities Commission
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Frances A. Koncilja, Commissioner
Colorado Public Utilities Commission
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John C. Gavan, Commissioner
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Re: DMEA's Request to Set a Just, Reasonable, and Non-discriminatory Charge

Dear Chairman Ackermann and Commissioners Koncilja and Gavan:

Colorado Communities for Climate Action is a coalition of 23 counties and municipalities advocating for state policies that further reduce carbon emissions and protect Colorado's climate.

We write in support of the filing in December 2018 by Delta Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) asking the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to set a just, reasonable, and non-discriminatory charge for DMEA's exit from Tri-State Generation and Transmission.

Tri-State's proposed fees for cooperatives that want to change their contractual relationship are excessive and unjustified. These fees will ultimately harm local businesses, families, and governments by locking them into more expensive and much dirtier power while restricting local economic development tied to local clean energy.

The PUC can, and in our view, should help bring transparency and equity to Tri-State's calculation of the exit charge. This decision bears heavily on DMEA, on every other Tri-State-affiliated rural electric cooperative in Colorado, and on all the local communities that presently rely on Tri-State's expensive and carbon-intensive generation fleet. It is important to Colorado and our rural communities and consumers that DMEA has the right and ability to pursue cheaper, locally sourced renewable energy without harming those Rural Electric Associations that remain within the Tri-State system.

Thank you for taking the comments of the 23 member governments of Colorado Communities for Climate Action into account.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anita Seitz', written in a cursive style.

Anita Seitz, CC4CA President
City of Westminster Mayor Pro Tem

on behalf of: City of Aspen
Town of Avon
Town of Basalt
City of Boulder
Boulder County
Town of Breckenridge
Town of Carbondale
Town of Crested Butte
Eagle County
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